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A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year. By JOHN KENDRICK BANGS. printing of an original poem, written daily for The Washington Herald.

MUNITIONS. Gold would I have in goodly store To fight the wolves outside my door, And hold grim poverty at bay, And drive substantial cares away. But even better than the dross That guised as gain is often loss, To battle with the hosts of fear Grant me the goodly gift of cheer, For gold's an evanescent pelf, While cheer well-spent renews itself.

Japan appears to have recognized the psychological moment for calling attention to an objectionable clause in the pending immigration bill. Step up; this is grievance day at Uncle

office boy has just been elected president of a meat packing corporation at a salary of \$125,000 a year. No wonder steaks and prime roasts are luxuries when the packers are making such heavy

York Stock Exchange by a wide margin.

dicate that he has gone the way of Samson.

United States of luxuries, including most rigid economy upon the people of the war-

The Carranza government is reported as quite willing to permit the American troops to use the railroad for the purpose of getting out pressions of confidence. of Mexico, thus vindicating the Washington ofalways felt sure the first chief could be depended upon for co-operation.

be fairer. Mr. Lansing can't afford to run the chased. are not Germany's, but Austria's for instance.

top of a Fifth avenue bus, whereupon she told be seriously impaired. top of a Pitth avenue one, whereupon and the daughter, who called in detectives who succeeded in getting evidence enough to secure her sus and study by officials of the War and Agrilock a moving picture scene.

So it appears that Ambassador von Bernhas arrested an attache of seized documentary evidence of plots to destroy preparedness.

The ways of the law are past understanding, of the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

A Problem for Chicago.

In less than two months from now the Dem ocratic party will nominate Woodrow Wilson for a second term as President of the United States and while his fate at the hands of the people next November is probably yet to be deter-mined by events in Mexico and Germany the party leaders may proceed to plan the campaign for his re-election with certain knowledge of the candidate and the issues. If the country should sacrifice of honor or rights, the party in power will present a claim upon the confidence of the people that will scarcely be denied and Republicans will be forced to recognize the probability of Mr. Wilson's re-election. On the other hand should November find the United States at war with either Germany or Mexico tradition will be upset if the people vote for a change of leadership while the nation has a fight on its hands. Republican chances of success, therefore, will be incalculably greater should no settlement be effected with Germany, or a settlement based upon a relinquishment of our rights and contentions, and should the Mexican problem remain under the immediate needs of the hour. When the ninth child was born matters reached a crisis. The New York Times prints the story and should the Mexican problem remain under the immediate needs of the hour. and should the Mexican problem temain un-of the dealings that sent the artist to the mad solved, with the long list of crimes against our house: citizens unavenged.

the surprising strength displayed by Mr. Henry a larger canvas, and Blakelock joyfully accepte Ford, the great pacifist, in some of the Western the commission.

States, notably Nebraska, difficult as it is to "This is what that collector said when Blake analyze, must be taken into consideration by the lock arrived with the painting: "Well, I see Republican leaders. If Mr. Ford's strength in you didn't hit it off this time. That certainly is analyze, must be taken into consideration by the Republican leaders. If Mr. Ford's strength in the West is really due to his pronounced convictions in favor of peace at any price—and it is difficult to attribute it to anything less—the Colonel as a candidate would certainly antagonize with the picture; the insult had been too much many thousands whose votes the Republicans will need. These people of the West cherish him when it was offered. But it could not combut faint hope, of course, of Mr. Ford's nomina-tion, but if he represents their ideals they can hardly bring themselves to vote for Col. Roose-still low figure, and counted out the money in Apparently there is apprehension in some quarters lest the Root Presidential boom should assume serious proportions. The alleged discovery has just been made and published to the world that Mr. Root is first choice in the New a careful calculation of how far he would be "Blakelock took the cash and went home. He likely to fall short of commanding the normal showed the money to his wife, counted it care Republican vote. as to assume Rev. William Sunday has had a hair cut and any votes to throw away, no matter what the American artist. He became violent that night it was observed during Mr. Bryan's recent visit conditions may be in November, and if an earhere that his locks had been shorn. So far, nest effort is made at Chicago to put the party's evening the one over the octave came, a boy." however nothing has happened to Sunday to in- greatest vote-gatherer in the field Col. Roosevelt will be subjected to a rigid appraisal that may result in the selection of another.

Meantime the Hughes sentiment is growing and, with no word coming from him, it seems diamonds, laces and furs. These are some of the things Europe is sending us in exchange for war munitions, the cost of which has forced the great and important issues coincide with those of the majority of his countrymen, so much so that in some quarters widely separated the nomination is conceded to him. And it must be admitted that recent political developments are of a nature to justify in no small measure these extenses. nature to justify in no small measure these ex-

Horses Needed for the Army.

depended upon for co-operation.

Of the 24,000,000 horses in the United States,

The State Department will return the Von less than 250,000 would be suitable for military at it and tell me what it is really worth.

"These collectors, these benefactors, "These collectors, these benefactors, with the content of the collectors, with the content of the collectors, the collectors with the content of the collectors." Igel papers to the German Embassy in compliance with Von Bernstorff's demand if the Ambassador will only identify them. Nothing could that any large number of these could be pursuable for any large number of the pursuable for any large number of these could be pursuable for any large number of these could be pursuable for any large number of these could be pursuable for any large number of these could be pursuable for any large number of these could be pursuable for any large number of these could be pursuable for any large number of these could be pursuable for any large number of these could be pursuable for any large number of the pursuable for any large number of the pursuable for any large number of the pursu

States put into the field probably would be cquipped, in part, with inferior horses, and that a few months after war commenced, the effi-A New York man's mother-in-law observed a few months after war commenced, the effi-

had posed in their hand-holding act for decline of the horse in the country which, next to Russia, raises more horses than any other country in the world. And the United States is the only world power which makes no serious uite annoyed because the United States the only world power which makes no serious and an attache of his Embassy and effort to perfect this vitally important feature of

bred light harness and saddle horse was dominant in all sections of the country. Since then, New York to raise a fund for his benefit. with the incentive to produce pure-bred horse To the layman it would seem that Judge Tut-hill, of Chicago, could just as easily have decided in favor of that publishing company without the use of other means of locomotion, sires of trying to rob the Bard of Avon of his fame and pure breed have become fewer and fewer, and give it to Lord Bacon. However, he will not the scrub stock has flourished like the proverb-

proved, as they will be, through appropriations the work and with the courage and endurance for to be made this year, will be capable of de- that comes only from pure breeding. Although

\$25,000-and \$37,000 to improve the breed of

oultry.
With war an ever darkening possibility, here is one item of preparedness that should be pres ently and seriously considered.

An Artist "Called Back."

No more tragic story can be found in the annals of American art than the one now being revealed about Ralph Blakelock, says the Lit crary Digest. While his paintings are bring be so fortunate as to escape war with the nations ing in auction-sales prices hardly matched by with which it is now in controversy, without the work of any other American artist, work of any other American artist, himself confined in the insane retreat the work of any other American artist, he is himself confined in the insane retreat at Middletown and his family are living on the verge of want. But even these facts do not match in tragedy with those other details of neglect and eupidity on the part of dealers and collectors that now show the cause of the artist's collectors that now show the cause of the artist's mental misfortunes. In years back the Blake-lock family were always in dire straits and children were multiplying while the artist parted with his canvases for anything, apparently, that would meet the immediate needs of the hour. When the ninth child was born matters reached a crisis. The New York Times prints the story

"Matters were so desperate a week or so be On the Republican side, with its convention fore the end that Mrs. Blakelock sent word to so distant by a week than that of the Demo-On the Republican side, with its convention fore the end that Mrs. Biarejock sent word to less distant by a week than that of the Demo-crats, confusion prevails as to the candidate and hence, necessarily, as to issues. It is recognized now that certain of the financial interests are supporting Col. Roosevelt, and while the public clamor for his nomination may be mostly on the tures (Blakelock could never buy frames) and there was nothing there he cared for. Then surface and somewhat exaggerated it is certain that he will be a powerful factor in the G. O. P. the pointed to a small picture and remarked that that might do if it were larger. He finally agreed that might do if it were larger. He finally agreed

e. No one will be so reckless fully, slowly, and then threw it in the kitchen that the Republicans will have fire. That was the end of Blakelock as a great

In the same number of the Times Mr. Leo Blakelock, stands responsible for this story;

"I know of two pictures that Blakelock was forced into selling for \$35-not \$35 apiece, but one of those two pictures has sold for \$8,000.

And the man who got them for \$17.50

who sent Ralph Blakeloek to the madhouse. they boast of it; they gloat over it. I met a man over in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, the other day. 'I've got a Blakelock,' he told me other day. 'I've got a Blakelock,' he told me 'and I paid only \$12 for it. I want you to look

work of a man whose life was destroyed by th starvation which they are responsible for, an This means that the first army the United all this in the name of the love of the things that are beautiful. And the Academy, the National Academy! What did it do to poor Blake-Fourteen years after he had been taken away to a lunatic asylum because his pictures had no commercial value to him the Academy elects him as associate because his pictures have acquired commercial value. They elected Blake-by Blakelock sane before. Now, I say, they should elect him president because one his pictures has sold for \$20,000."

The fact that the Toledo Museum of Fine Arts paid \$20,000 for a fine Blakelock, or some other like reason, has moved benevolent friends to try to rescue the artist from his present plight. Alienists declare his condition such that improved seized documentary evidence of plots to destroy our industries and violate our neutrality. It is a grave offense of course, but we may at least hope that Germany will not be so severe as to bred light harness and saddle horse was domitted work was held at the keinhardt Galleries in bred light harness and saddle horse was domitted.

"Probabilities" in Meteorology.

informatio season, climatic statistics furnish bearing on this subject that is of practical im the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

"Our coast defense armaments, when imvoved, as they will be, through appropriations the work and with the courage and endurance of the scrub stock has flourished like the proverballite the proverballite that is of plactical into subject that is of plactical into su control defines armanents which there strong enough and light enough to do ath the value of knowing the "business risk proved, as they will be, timoget appropriation to be made this year, will be capable of defending the various ports against an fore." Bright Gen. Eramus M. Weaver, chief of coast artifacts, the control provided in the value of knowing the "business risk provided as they will be applied of the control provided in the value of knowing the "business risk provided as the value of knowing the provided as the value of knowing the business risk provided as the value of know

The Herald's Army and Navy Department

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Following the recommendations of is military commission the State of fassachusetts has enacted a law state to come into the Federal serv

overnment. In forwarding the bill to Chairman hamberiain, of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, R. L. Raymond, hairman of the Massachusetts miliary commission, says: "We feel very trongly here that the entire citizen chairman of the Massachusetts mili-tary commission, says: "We feel very strongly here that the entire citizen fighting force of the country should be wholly a Federal force and that the State should not maintain a mili-tia. The so-called federalization of the militia provided for in the bilis pending before Congress is a mere makeshift. What we need is a na-tional force which should be entirely under the control of the Federal gov-ernment."

ernment."

Personnel legislation has been agreed to by the subcommittee of the House Committee on Naval Affairs which will go a long way toward an equitable distribution of naval officers among the different grades. This plan, it is stated, will be attached to the naval appropriation bill and will be passed without regard to any general personnel law that is enacted at this sensor that is enacted at this sensor that the number of It is understood that the number of rear admirals is to be based on the total number of line officers. Approximately there will be under the new plan one rear infinite the committee of the sensor indicates the total number of line officers. Approximately there will be understood that the number of cars admirals is to be based on the total number of line officers. For every rear admiral there is to be foundation, eight commanders and seventy-one lieutenant, lieutenants junior grade and ensigns. With the graduation of the next issue from the Naval Academy there will be distributed officers. This number will be distributed

provides that temporary duty of any the company, was a visitor last Tuesday kind performed, with the United States ulight. He expects to try for a comprose in the field, shall be counted as actual presence for duty with troops, the ludge Advocate General stated he was without legal authority to informe Capt.

ARMY ORDERS.

Brown's request.

Third Battalioa, D. C. N. G.

An unusually large attendance marked the parade of the Third Battalion, District National Guard, last Wednesday might. The close order drill of the four large companies proceded the parade, the invited visitors showing their appreciation of the excellent work of the young soldiers, as well as the showing of the battalion as a body.

After the parade the battalion commander formed his men in a hollow scuare and outlined to them the future work of the organization. He said the outlook of the entire National Guard of the country was more encouraging than at any time in the history of the republic. He explained briefly the provisions of the military bills recently passed by the Senate and House and said that the National Guard would now have a chance to show to the country that the confidence placed in it by Congress is not mispiaced.

Sixty-three members of the Signal Corps Company, District National Guard, attended the regular Tuceday night drill on April 18. A half hour was devoted to foot movements, after which loe cream and cakes, clears and cigarettes were

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS

ioned. Lieut. J. L. Donny, to marine bas

THE OPEN FORUM

In Which Readers of The Herald Express Their Views on Current Topics,

Editor of The Washington Herald: In the calls again, only to be told "we can Editor of The Washington Herain. In do nothing about it."

The hours of service are very bad used the controversy should be given to the public. The trouble is traceable to several causes, chief among which is the low wage scale under which the men given a run, but he must report at a run. ork. The present scale became opera-tive a little over a year ake, and ranges to om 211-2 cents per hour for first year of